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VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP

JANUARY 22, 2013 MEETING

Approved February 25, 2013

RESERVOIR COMMITTEE

Town Hall Annex, First Floor

In attendance: Lisa Fredman, Cathy Garnett, Jane Howard, Rachel James, Elizabeth Karpati, Ann LeRoyer, Stefan Miller, David White.

Facilitator: David White

Minutes: Elizabeth Karpati

2013 meetings: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, February 26, March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, August 27, September 29, October 22, November 27.
Town Hall Annex, First Floor Conference Room.

- **Minutes:** The minutes of the October 2012 meeting were accepted as presented. The November meeting was cancelled. There was no meeting scheduled for December.
- **Calendar:** David reported that the printing cost was \$1330.88 for 220 copies and the income was \$1850, leaving a profit of \$519.12 (and there's still about \$400 more to come in from various stores). The money was handled by the Arlington Land Trust, a nonprofit, which also reported receiving \$300 in individual contributions for the Res. It was suggested that the Res Committee would not repeat this project next year, but that a different Arlington group or committee could do a calendar each year. The Res Committer thanked the people who worked on the calendar, including Lisa, Ann, Rachel and Andrea Golden.
- **Annual Report:** David distributed copies of the Res Committee's annual report prepared for inclusion in the Vision 2020 annual report.
- **Water Bodies Fund:** David distributed copies of a chart prepared by Teresa DeBenedictis of DPW and already given to the Spy Pond Committee, showing a history of appropriations and expenditures for the Water Bodies Fund. She will prepare additional figures projecting expenses for the next three years. Jane will file the warrant article for FY 2014, again requesting \$50,000, same as last year and using the same text, including \$20,000 for water chestnut harvesting at the Res. It will be endorsed by the Con Com and all three committees of the Environment Task Group (Spy Pond, Reservoir and Sustainable Arlington).
- **Goose-egg addling** is being planned for Spy Pond but not for the Res. Goose control should be an item for the next Res agenda.
- **Signage:** Cathy suggested using the same kind of signs as the Trustees of Reservations, which cost \$14 per square foot, maybe a bit cheaper if picked up rather than shipped. Rachel showed a possible design, with a map and pictures of some of the plants, which could be keyed to small cheap signs placed next to each kind of plant. Each of the three areas could have one such sign. Jane suggested not getting too specific with the signs since we may decide to add some new plants.
- **Future agenda items:** (1) Goose control; (2) Cutting (rather than mowing) the garden; (3) Dealing with terrestrial invasives such as Japanese Knotweed.

